

Urban Forestry Commission / Urban Forest Interdepartmental Team Joint Meeting

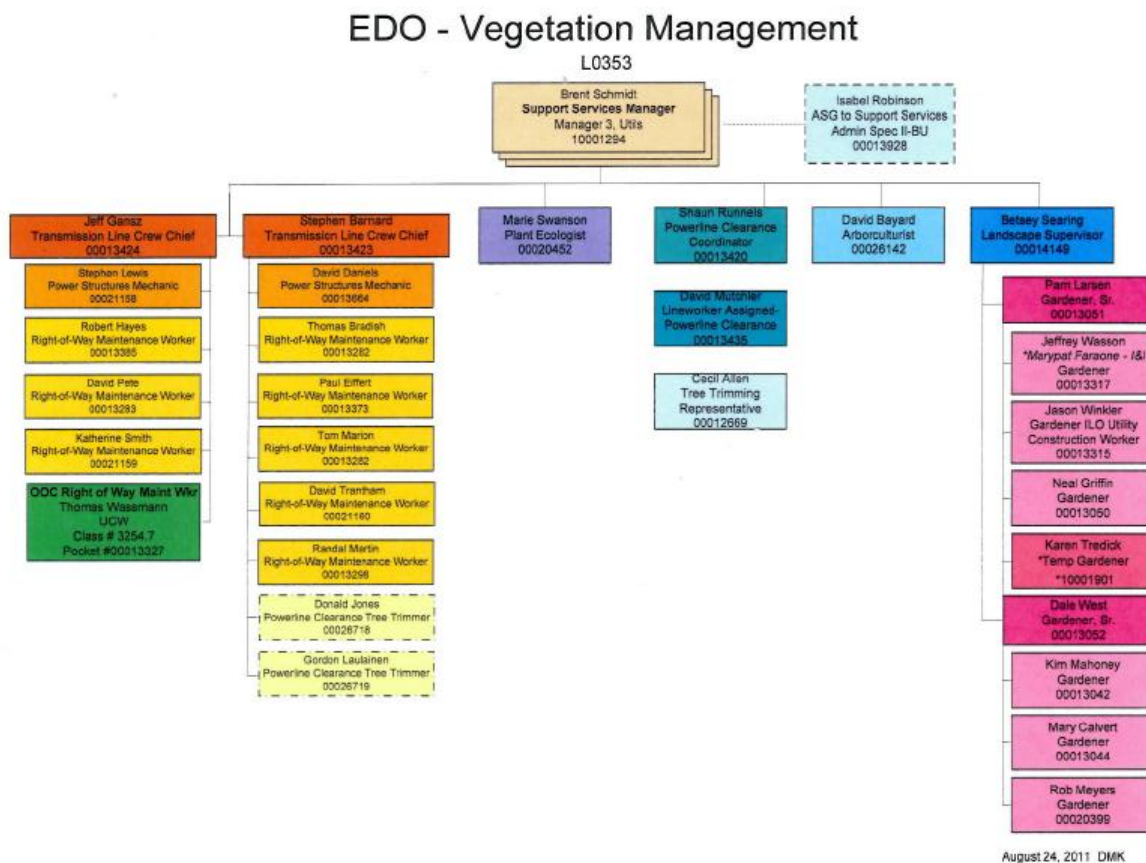
October 12, 2011
Camp Long, 1:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Department: Seattle City Light

Urban forestry Role: prunes trees in the utility corridor to maintain electrical safety and reliability and, when necessary, replaces trees.

Urban forestry vision: reduce vegetation conflicts with electrical system through appropriate plant selection, planting and maintenance.

Organization:



Priorities:

- Maintain vegetation clearances to increase safety and reliability of electrical system
- Comply with applicable federal and state electrical regulations and codes
- Operate in a manner that is compatible with the long-term sustainability of the ecosystems that we affect

Regulatory role: Only electrically qualified tree workers may work within 10' of energized electrical lines

Budget/funding sources:

2012 budget: \$5,500,000

Funding sources: SCL ratepayers

Planting: 2%

Maintenance: 2%

Pruning:

- Routine: 90%
- Emergency: 4%

Outreach: 1% (included in Seattle reLeaf program).

Level of service:

UFMP Goal Level of Service	Current Level of Service	Tree Planting
<u>SCL</u> 4-year line clearance trimming cycle	4-year trimming cycle system- wide. \$5.5M contracted services	SCL replaces trees in the ROW when necessary to maintain electrical safety and reliability